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To: Child Nutrition Programs
From: Colleen Fillmore, Ph.D., R.D., L.D., Child Nutrition Programs Director
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Subject: Departments of Agriculture and Commerce (USDA and USDC) Authorized Manufacturers of Child Nutrition (CN) Labeled Products
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The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has published a list of manufacturers that have met the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Quality Control Program requirements for the CN Labeling Program. Additionally, AMS has provided a list of authorized CN labels issued to these manufacturers since January 2005. These lists will be updated monthly and posted to the FNS CN Labeling Program website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/cnlabeling/authorized.htm>.

The information in these lists will be provided in search capable Portable Document Format (PDF) and limited to the following information: *CN Identification Number; Federal or Equal to Federal (ETF) Establishment (EST) Number; Product Description; Label Approval Expiration Date; and Company Name* (on separate directory list). The following inspection directories with EST number notations can be used to cross reference the EST number with the manufacturer's physical address and in some cases contact information:

FNS assigned EST numbers end with "FNS" e.g.: 12345FNS and ETF establishment numbers end with "ETF."

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/cnlabeling/FNS ETFdirectory.pdf>

USDC - National Marine Fisheries Service EST numbers end with "F" only in the PDF; the "F" is omitted at the following directory:

www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/Participants_List10.pdf

USDA - Food Safety and Inspection Service EST numbers are numeric or alphanumeric and are the remaining majority:

www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/Meat_Poultry_Egg_Inspection_Directory/index.asp

It is important to note that these lists are updated and reposted monthly; therefore, the data will not reflect newly authorized manufacturers and labels. Please keep in mind that the information about authorized labels does not include CN Labeled products issued before 2005. Additionally, the product name on the food carton with the CN Label may not necessarily match the product description from the list.

If you have additional questions about this information or about a particular product, please direct them to the AMS-CN Labeling Program Operations Office by phone: 202-720-9939 or by email: CNLabeling@ams.usda.gov.

For further information call the Child Nutrition Division at 208-332-6820